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21 MAY 1954

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Subject: Non-Commissioned Officers
Not Eager to Fight

Report No: HUL-006

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Source: Para 1-3 Local Businessman (B).
Para 4 Student Leader (B).

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1. In a recent conversation with a group of sergeants the Assistant Commander of the Guardia de Honor, Lt. Col. Jose Santos GARCIA Corzo, stated that the situation is bad. In discussing what should be done in the event there is fighting GARCIA said that it would be necessary to see how things are going and then take the side of those who are the strongest. He advised the sergeants to go over to the winning side if they found themselves in a difficult position. GARCIA, who admitted that he was in disagreement with Col. Jose BARZANALLANA Larrave, Commander of the Guardia de Honor, stated that many officers of the Army are deeply concerned with the direction things are going. He said that he is in agreement with the oppositionists in exile.
2. It is reported that many soldiers intend to abandon the Guardia as soon as it is attacked, as they argue they do not think along Communist lines and they have no desire to be bombarded. They also remember the 20th of October, when all these who did not leave died inside.
3. Abraham HERNANDEZ, a member of the Guardia Civil in Antigua, recently told a group of peasants that they should not get mixed up in anything connected with the Agrarian Law, inasmuch as war is approaching and they might get themselves killed.
4. ~~It is reported that~~ There have been ~~dis~~ertions from the Base Militar at La Aurora. Four ~~first-sergeants~~ have reportedly ~~dis~~serted, leaving only one ~~first-sergeant~~ with the tank unit. ~~The tank continues~~ ^{rumors} at the base that there will soon be war because of Communism. The majority of sergeants say that they will escape if such action appears the wisest.

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